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1. APPRECIATE PROMPT RESPONSE TO STATE 175786.
FOLLOWING ARE REPLIES TO EMBASSY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
RAISED IN REFTEL:

2. C-1. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY COMMENTS ON VISAS ISSUE
(WARSAW 4877). WILL LIMIT DISCUSSION TO RECIPROCAL
ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION OF VISA FEES, REDUCTION OF
EXIT PERMIT FEES TO POLISH EMPLOYEES OF U.S. BUSINESS
OFFICES, AND WILL NOT RAISE CUSTOMS PROBLEMS AND CON-
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FISCATION OF MATERIALS IN POLAND.

FOLLOWING IS REVISED LIST OF ISSUES UNDER BUSINESS
FACILITATION ITEM OF AGENDA:

A. VALIDATION PERIOD OF LICENSES FOR U.S.
REPRESENTATION OFFICES.

B. RENTAL OF OFFICE AND HOUSING SPACE-EXCHANGE
RATE, COST, REQUIRED DEPOSITS, AND ADVANCE PAYMENTS.

C. MUTUAL REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF VISA FEES
FOR BUSINESSMEN.

D. REDUCTION OF EXIT PERMIT FEES TO POLISH
EMPLOYEES OF U.S. BUSINESS OFFICES.

WE WILL BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO POLISH QUESTIONS
REGARDING STATUS OF EMPLOYEES OF POLISH OFFICES IN U.S.
AND POLISH DESIRE FOR TRADE OFFICE IN HOUSTON.

THE APPLICATION OF FARA TO OFFICE OF POLISH CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE IN SAN FRANCISCO IS MATTER OF LAW; IT IS
NON-DISCRIMINATORY AND NON-NEGOTIABLE. WE SEE LITTLE
UTILITY IN RE-RAISING THIS ISSUE AT FOURTH SESSION
OF JOINT COMMISSION.

3. C-2. U.S. SIDE WILLING TO EXPLORE WITH POLES WHAT
KIND OF MARKET INFORMATION CAN BE EXCHANGED.

4. C-3. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY VIEW ON U.S. TRADE
PROMOTION PROGRAM TO SEEK GOP ENDORSEMENT, COOPERATION
AND INVOLVEMENT ONLY FOR MAJOR EVENTS ORIGINATING IN
COMMERCE. THE FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS LISTED IN STATE
146522 OR WARSAW 4855 IS ONLY FOR EMBASSY AND COMMERCE
PLANNING PURPOSES AND IS NOT INTENDED IN ANY WAY
TO DIMINISH THE FREEDOM OF TDC TO MOUNT PRESENTATIONS
AT THE CENTER WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM ANY GOP AGENCY.

5. C-4. EXAMPLES OF QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM U.S. FIRMS:
COMPARATIVE COSTS IN POLAND OF USING DIFFERENT TYPES
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OF ENERGY; RELATION, IN PERCENTAGE, OF TAKE HOME PAY
TO SOCIAL COSTS PAID BY THE EMPLOYER; AVAILABILITY
OF SPECIFIC TYPES OF POLISH LABOR AND WAGES OF SPECIFIC
CATEGORIES OF WORKERS, SUCH AS MACHINISTS AND MACHINE
OPERATORS; PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND LICENSING STANDARDS
OF ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, ETC; EXISTENCE AND AVAILABILITY
OF VARIOUS CODES AND STANDARDS, SUCH AS FOR TESTING,
HYDRAULIC CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL MATERIALS AND

EQUIPMENT, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION; ORGANIZATION OF
MINISTRIES, FTO'S, ASSOCIATIONS, AND RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS.
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